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Eaton Arrowsmith may add, modify or remove portions of this Policy when it is considered appropriate to do so. Any changes will be effective upon the posting of the revised policy.

Eaton Arrowsmith British Columbia Staff and Student COVID-19 Illness Policy

Purpose:

Eaton Arrowsmith’s Staff and Student COVID-10 Illness Policy for British Columbia sites is informed by the information provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control, WorkSafeBC, and the Ministry of Education, including the following documents:

- CDC: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf
- WorkSafeBC: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/education>
- Ministry of Education:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidlines.pdf> (version updated September 3, 2020)
and:
https://www.openschool.bc.ca/covidguidelines/pdf/COVID19_OperationalGuidelinesK12_0912020.pdf (version updated September 11, 2020) (or, in web form:
<https://www.openschool.bc.ca/covidguidelines/>)
and
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/covid-19-protocols-for-administrators.pdf> (version updated September 11, 2020)
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http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf (version updated September 11, 2020)

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SCREENING:

It is the responsibility of the student and their family to **assess themselves or their child/children daily before entering the school building.**

EAS Vancouver and EAS White Rock parents will be asked to assess their child each morning based on Page 23 of the September 11th version this document, which will be provided in PDF form for parents to save and/or print out for home use: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf

Staff members may also ask students how they are feeling at the beginning of the day. If a student tells us that they are not feeling well or that they feel sick, they will not be allowed to enter the building. Students who are feeling well will be given hand sanitizer entering the school and asked to wash their hands.

Those at **high risk** for health problems from COVID-19 should consult with their health care provider when considering whether to participate in in-person school and/or summer programs.

It is the responsibility of each staff member to self-assess their own health each day.

IF STAFF OR STUDENTS DEVELOP SYMPTOMS:

Symptoms are defined by the CDC here and may be updated as new information comes available: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms>

Students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19, common cold or influenza are encouraged to use a self-assessment tool such as the [BC COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool](#).

Updated (September 2020) guidelines for BC (http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf) state:

“Stay Home When New Symptoms of Illness Develop

Students and staff should stay at home when new symptoms of illness develop. The key symptoms to watch for are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

- If the staff or student (or their parent) indicates that the symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition and are not unusual for that individual, they may return to school. No assessment or note is required from a health care provider.
- For mild symptoms without fever, students and staff can monitor at home for 24 hours. If symptoms improve, they can return to school without further assessment.
- If symptoms include fever, or if after 24 hours, symptoms remain unchanged or worsen, seek a health assessment. A health assessment can include calling 8-1-1, a

primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner, or going to a COVID-19 testing centre.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is positive, the person should stay home until they are told by public health to end their self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is negative, the person can return to school once symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless the person develops a new illness. BCCDC has information on receiving negative test results.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because the person or parent chooses not to have the test or a health assessment is not sought when recommended, and the person's symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, they should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then may return if feeling well enough. If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, the person can return to school when symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19)."

Students and staff who experience symptoms consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. They do not require re-assessment by a healthcare provider and should not be required to provide a health-care provider note. If they experience any new or unexplained symptoms they should seek assessment by a health-care provider. (P. 17: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf)

If a student or staff member develops new symptoms AT SCHOOL/WORK:

- Student or staff member should go home as soon as possible.
- If a staff member develops new symptoms at school:
 - Symptomatic staff should separate themselves into an area away from others.
 - Staff member will be provided with a mask if they do not have one.
 - As per WorkSafeBC Health and Safety Plan, staff feeling sick should report it to first aid immediately, even with mild symptoms.
 - Maintain a distance of 2 meters / 6 feet from others.
 - Use a tissue or mask to cover their nose and mouth while they wait to be picked up.
 - Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the staff member or student was separated and any areas used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).
 - If concerned, the school will contact the local public health unit to seek further input.
 - Staff will be encouraged to seek assessment by a health care provider.

- If a student develops new symptoms while at school:
 - Immediately separate the symptomatic student from others in a supervised area.
 - Student will be provided with a mask if they do not have one.
 - School will contact the student's parent or caregiver to pick them up as soon as possible.
 - Where possible, maintain a distance of 2 metres / 6 feet from the ill student. If not possible, staff may wear a mask if available and tolerated, or use a tissue to cover their nose and mouth.
 - Provide the student with tissues to cover their coughs or sneezes. Throw away used tissues as soon as possible and perform hand hygiene.
 - Avoid touching the student's body fluids (e.g., mucous, saliva). If you do, practice diligent hand hygiene.
 - Once the student is picked up, practice diligent hand hygiene.
 - Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the student was separated and any areas used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).
 - Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.

EAS Vancouver and EAS White Rock students and staff are required to follow the BC CDC and Ministry of Health Guidelines outlined here (see Appendix B on P17): http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf BC students and staff who experience symptoms consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. They do not require re-assessment by a healthcare provider and should not be required to provide a health-care provider note. If they experience any new or unexplained symptoms they should seek assessment by a health-care provider. (P. 17: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf)

SELF-ISOLATION

*As per September 3rd, 2020 Provincial Guidelines (p 19), Any student, staff or other person within the school who has **symptoms** of COVID-19 OR **travelled outside Canada** in the last 14 days OR was identified as a **close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak** must stay home and self-isolate, including children of essential service workers.*

IN THE EVENT OF A CASE OR SUSPECTED CASE

School Principal/Director will notify the **local public health authority** and will follow their direction regarding notification of the school community.

Appendix B (Appendix B: Public Health Actions if a Staff, Student or Other Person Who Has Been in the School is a Confirmed COVID-19 Case) of the [BCCDC and Ministry of Health Guidelines](#) outlines what happens if a COVID-19 case is confirmed:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf

For **EAS Vancouver and EAS White Rock**, as per the BC Ministry of Education's [June 5 2020 update: Public Communications about COVID-19 Cases or Potential Exposure in Schools](#)

"The Ministry wants to highlight the recommendations for working with the regional health authority to review school/district messaging regarding COVID-19. Public statements and communications to parents/caregivers and staff containing public health messaging, including references to confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 within the school community, must be reviewed and approved by the regional health authority prior to release. Media requests regarding confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases, potential exposure at a school or potential risk of transmission within a school setting should be directed to the regional health authority for response. See the Communications section of the Operational Guidelines for more information." (See website for the latest version of the: Operational Guidelines: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools/planning-framework>) The following protocol (or most up-to-date version) will be observed:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kinderqarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/covid-19-protocols-for-administrators.pdf>